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SUBJECT: BHUTTO LETTERS TO PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

1. PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR YAQUB DELIVERED TO UNDER SECRETARY SISCO FEBRUARY 26 LETTERS OF APPRECIATION FROM PRIMIN BHUTTO ON THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO. IN LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD, BHUTTO SAID HE IS FOLLOWING UP RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENT WITH WRITTEN MESSAGE TO MRS. GANDHI TO EFFECT THAT "IN SEEKING AN END TO THE ARMS BAN, WE WISH NEITHER TO DEPART FROM THE SIMLA AGREEMENT NOR TO ENTER AN ARMS RACE IN THE SUB-CONTINENT." IN SECOND LETTER ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY BHUTTO SAYS HE HAS ASSURED MRS. GANDHI THAT "INDIA HAS NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THIS DEVELOPMENT."

2. SISCO WELCOMED BOTH BHUTTO'S PUBLIC STATEMENT AND NEWS THAT PRIVATE ASSURANCES PASSED TO MRS. GANDHI. SISCO ALSO SUGGESTED THAT AT THIS TIME SOME CONCRETE GESTURE SUCH AS

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AN AGREEMENT ON CIVIL AVIATION TIES WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL

IN EMPHASIZING PAKISTAN'S DEDICATION TO PEACEFUL DEVELOP-
MENT ON THE SUB-CONTINENT. AMBASSADOR AGREED. KISSINGER

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